

"Thornhill" (Tom Welch)
2 mi. S. Talladega, Ala.
Sylacauga Highway
TALLADEGA Co

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
DISTRICT NO.16

Historic American Buildings Survey
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer
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THORN HILL (Residence)
Two miles south of Talledega,
Talledega, Talledega County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: T.L. Welch.

Previous Owners: T. H. Lewis. From 1880 to 1905.
J. M. Lewis. From 1848 to 1880.
John Hardie. From 1835 to 1848.

Date of Erection: 1835.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: John Hardie.

Present Condition: Very good state of preservation.
However the place being rented, it is not kept
in good repair. About twenty five years ago the
original kitchen was joined to the left rear of
the house, and a back hall was made of the back
porch.

Material of Construction: Frame structure, with wood
shingle roof. The exterior walls are of 6" heart
of pine weather-boarding. The foundation is of
brick pillars covered with concrete. It has three
exterior chimneys, also four 18" square columns
to the front. There is a small balcony over the
front door with wooden railings. The ceiling to
the porch is plastered. The original porch has
been replaced. The interior walls were replastered
about fourteen years ago. The stairway ascends
the right of the hall to a landing, across the
rear, ascending the left of the hall to the second
floor.

Other Existing Records:

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Additional Data: The old family grave-yard is about one hundred yards south west of the house and contains tombs of the original family.
John Hardie. Born 1797, Died 1848.
Mary Mead Hardie, daughter of Rev. Isaac Hall, and wife of John Hardie. Born 1812, Died 1872.
Annie Hardie, daughter of John and Mary M. Hardie, and wife of J. M. Lewis. Born 1846, Died 1880.
Mary A. Hardie, wife of John H. Lewis. Born 1857, Died 1916.
William Hudson, son of John and Sarah Hudson, Born 1831, Died 1853.
Helen Hardie Spence, daughter of John Hardie and wife of William Spence, Died 1886.

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